

Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2018

December 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 DRAFT

Snapshot of Accomplishments & Capabilities

- All 19 HWA-infested Georgia counties in native hemlock range now served by our Hemlock Help Program.
- Hemlock Help Line available 7 days a week with 530 calls handled to date.
- 8 Hemlock Help Clinics with total of 35 attendees.
 - 1/9/19 Cherokee County
 - 1/16/19 Pickens & Gordon Counties
 - 1/23/19 White County
 - 3/24/19 Hart County
 - 3/30/19 Rabun County
 - 4/13/19 Union County
 - 5/18/19 Habersham County
 - 6/22/19 Murray & Whitfield Counties
- 8 Facilitator Training Workshops with total of 32 new Facilitators trained. Total active Facilitator corps = 337 in Georgia and 79 in other states
 - 1/9/19 Cherokee County
 - 1/16/19 Pickens & Gordon Counties
 - 1/23/19 White County
 - 3/24/19 Hart County
 - 3/30/19 Rabun County
 - 4/13/19 Union County
 - 5/18/19 Habersham County
 - 6/22/19 Murray & Whitfield Counties
- 1 customized training class for 4 volunteers and public land managers:
 - 6/13/19 Redbud Project at Linwood Nature Preserve in Gainesville
- 6 presentations to civic/community groups with 163 attendees.
 - 12/3/18 TU Savannah River in Hartwell
 - 1/10/19 TU Chattahoochee-Nantahala in Blairsville
 - 4/9/19 Project Chimps in Morganton
 - 4/20/19 Wildlife Action of Georgia in Acworth
 - 5/26/19 LRA Memorial Day Meeting in Lakemont
 - 6/13/19 TU Foothills in Clarkesville
- 1 Hemlock Lesson for 7 students and teachers.
 - 3/11/19 Truett McConnell in Cleveland
- 6 festivals / public events with info booth & saplings for adoption – 35 volunteers and 1,062 visitors / contacts
 - 3-30-19 Helen Trout Tournament
 - 4/27/19 Trout Fest in Blue Ridge
 - 4/27/19 & 4/28/19 Bear-on-the-Square in Dahlonega
 - 5/26/19 LRA Memorial Day Meeting
 - 5/26/19 & 5/26/19 Blue Ridge Arts Festival
 - 6/1/19 Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls in Helen
- 16 articles / news items written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines.
- 26 Facilitator visits made with charitable treatment of 45 trees
- 9 hemlock treatment projects with 132 volunteers treating/retreating 1,660 trees.
 - 12/4/19 Truett McConnell University, Cleveland
 - 3/2/19 Mill Creek, Murray County
 - 3/23/19 Smithgall Woods, Helen
 - 3/24/19 Alpharetta
 - 4/13/19 Corbin Creek, Towns County
 - 5/19/19 Lake Winfield Scott – cabins area
 - 6/13/19 Linwood Nature Preserve, Gainesville
 - 6/23/19 Lookout Highlands
 - 6/29/19 Wolf Creek, Union County
- 6 hemlock rescue projects with 15 volunteers, 352 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational/service activities or future adoption
 - 12/4/18 Gilmer County
 - 1/14/19 Gilmer County
 - 3/12/19 Gilmer County
 - 3/19/19 Gilmer County
 - 5/17/19 Lumpkin County
 - 5/21/19 Lumpkin County
- 161 hemlock saplings adopted; 8 saplings donated to municipalities / schools / nonprofits.
- 5 hemlock sapling planting projects with 59 volunteers planting 76 saplings.
 - 3/2/19 Mill Creek, Murray County
 - 3/18/19 Truett McConnell University, Cleveland
 - 3/22/19 Lumpkin County
 - 4/1/19 Lumpkin County
 - 5/13/19 Gwinnett County
- 9 soil injectors repaired/refurbished.
- Total of 5,662 volunteer hours logged.



Financial Report

Current: Fiscal 2018*

Dec. 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Total Contributions	Educational Spending	Charitable Service Spending	Administrative Expense	Membership/Fundraising	Total Expenses	Cash on Hand
\$23,381.86	\$7,135.32	\$3,647.86	\$1,532.42	\$677.96	\$12,993.56	\$45,484.35
	54.91%	28.07%	11.79%	5.22%		

Cumulative: Fiscal 2009 – 2019

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2019

Total Contributions	Educational Spending	Charitable Service Spending	Administrative Expense	Membership Fundraising	Total Expenses
\$218,543.64	\$80,611.54	\$77,131.64	\$12,297.90	\$3,018.21	\$173,059.29
	46.58%	44.57%	7.11%	1.74%	

* Our fiscal year is from December 1 to November 30.

Total Spending in FY 2019:

82.99% for educational & charitable service programs.
17.01% for administrative, membership & fund raising.

Cumulative Spending FY 2009-2019:

91.23% for educational & charitable service programs.
8.76% for administrative, membership & fund raising.

Donations from 2019 Membership Appeal as of 6-30-19

FY 2019 to date	\$10,025.00	111 donations
FY 2018 by this date	\$8,795.00	88 donations
FY 2018 total	\$9,015.00	92 donations

Purchase of hemlock cone pendants as of 6-30-19

Out-of-pocket cost for 51 pendants:	\$1,530.00
44 pendants purchased:	\$2,055.00
7 pendants remaining @ \$45	\$ 315.00
Net profit expected	\$ 840.00

A few of these were delivered in person, but most were sent by USPS at a cost of \$3.50 per mailing.

Activity Detail: Completed

Dec. 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Date	Activity
12/1/18	2 saplings adopted
12/3/18	SGH presentation to TU Savannah River Chapter in Hartwell to plan training and service projects – 12 attendees
12/4/18	SGH hemlock treatment project at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland – 7 volunteers treated 8 trees
12/15/18	SGH sapling rescue in Gilmer County – 4 volunteers rescued 115 saplings
12/16/18	Initiation of SGH sapling nursery at Shearouse Nursery in Lavonia – 57 saplings planted; 49 saplings potted and added to Mason Sheffield’s nursery; 9 saplings potted and added to Dahlonega nursery
1/10/19	SGH presentation to TU Chattahoochee-Nantahala chapter in Blairsville – 25 attendees
1/13/19	SGH Leadership Team winter meeting
1/14/19	SGH sapling rescue in Gilmer County – 2 volunteers rescued 10 saplings
1/15/19	Facilitator visit to client in White County
1/15/19	Facilitator visit to scout USFS eastern treatment sites
1/25/19	Community Calendar announcement submitted to newspapers in Cherokee County re 2/9 Fac trng in Canton
1/29/19	Facilitator visit to scout site for March 2 hemlock restoration project at Mill Creek in Murray County
1/31/19	Community Calendar announcement submitted to newspapers in Pickens and Gordon counties re 2/16 Fac trng in Jasper
2/8/19	Community Calendar announcement submitted to newspaper in White County re 2/23 Fac trng at Smithgall Woods
2/9/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Cherokee County – 3 new Facilitators trained
2/15/19	Mailing of annual membership appeal letters
2/16/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop for Pickens & Gordon Counties – 2 new Facilitators trained
2/19/19	Facilitator visit at Woody Gap School to meet with faculty & students re partnership for hemlock sapling nursery as part of Mountain Heritage Program
2/23/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in White County – 3 new Facilitators trained & 2 refreshed
2/27/19	Facilitator visit to scout USFS western treatment sites
3/1/19	Preparation day for SGH-TU-TNC hemlock restoration project at Mill Creek in Murray county – 7 volunteers participated
3/2/19	SGH – TU – TNC hemlock restoration project on Mill Creek in Murray County -- 43 volunteers planted 60 large hemlocks & treated 66 more trees
3/11/19	SGH Hemlock Lesson for general ecology class at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland – 6 students & 1 teacher attended
3/12/19	SGH sapling rescue in Gilmer County – 2 volunteers rescued 62 saplings
3/16/19	Preparation day for SGH-DNR hemlock treatment project at Smithgall Woods in Helen – 19 volunteers measured & flagged 325 trees
3/18/19	Facilitator visit to client in Rabun County, charitable treatment of 37 trees
3/18/19	SGH sapling planting with general ecology class at Truett Mc Connell University in Cleveland – 10 volunteers planted 8 saplings donated by SGH
3/19/19	SGH sapling rescue in Gilmer County – 2 volunteers rescued 40 saplings
3/21/19	Community Calendar announcement and article “Save Your Trees While You Still Can” submitted to

	newspaper in Rabun County re 3/30/19 Fac trng in Clayton
3/22/19	5 saplings adopted, Facilitator visit to do sapling planting in Lumpkin County
3/23/19	SGH-DNR hemlock treatment project at Smithgall Woods in Helen – 25 volunteers treated 325 trees
3/24/19	SGH hemlock treatment project at nursery in Alpharetta – 2 volunteers treated 52 saplings
3/24/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop for Trout Unlimited Savannah River Chapter in Hartwell – 6 new Facilitator trained & 1 refreshed
3/26/19	Facilitator visit to client in Union County
3/30/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Rabun County – 4 new Facilitators trained
3/30/19	SGH participation in TU info booth at Helen Trout Tournament – 25 visitors/contacts
3/31/19	Letter to the Editor "Help Needed to Protect Lake Winfield Scott Hemlocks" submitted to newspapers in Union County re 5/11 hemlock treatment project at LWS
4/1/19	5 saplings adopted, Facilitator visit to do sapling planting in Lumpkin County
4/2/19	Facilitator visit with representatives of GATC & GFW re potential partnership for treating hemlocks on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia.
4/4/19	Facilitator visit to Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground to deliver 6 large adopted saplings & consult with landscape maintenance folks re planting and treating hemlocks.
4/4/19	Facilitator visit to client in Rabun County – 1 volunteer, charitable treatment of 10 trees.
4/5/19	Facilitator visit to client in Whitfield County – 2 volunteers treated 8 trees.
4/5/19	Facilitator visit to client in Sky Valley, Rabun County
4/9/19	Facilitator visit to client in Rabun County to service soil injector
4/9/19	Facilitator visit and presentation for Project Chimps in Morganton re potential partnership for treating, rescuing, and replanting hemlocks on campus – 7 attendees
4/10/19	Facilitator visit to scout USFS western treatment sites
4/12/19	Facilitator visit to scout May 11 treatment site at Lake Winfield Scott in Union County
4/12/19	Facilitator visit to client in Union County – 2 volunteers
4/13/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Union County – 6 new Facilitators trained, 3 refreshed
4/13/19	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project at Corbin Creek near Hiawassee – 14 volunteers treated 170 trees
4/14/19	SGH Leadership Team spring meeting
4/16/19	8 large saplings adopted
4/17/19	Letter to the Editor "Help Needed to Protect Lake Winfield Scott Hemlocks" published in Union & Towns County newspapers re 5/11 hemlock treatment project at LWS
4/20/19	Presentation for Wildlife Action of Georgia in Cherokee County – 3 attendees
4/21/19	1 soil injector repaired for GFC in Rabun County
4/22/19	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County
4/24/19	Community Calendar announcement re Hemlock Camp Meeting published in all N GA newspapers
4/25/19	Facilitator visit to client in Fannin County
4/27/19	SGH info booth w/saplings for adoption at Trout Fest in Blue Ridge – 8 volunteers, estimated 140 visitors / contacts, 20 saplings adopted
4/27/19 & 4/28/19	SGH info booth w/saplings for adoption at Bear-on-the-Square in Dahlonega – 10 volunteers, estimated 380 visitors / contacts, 61 saplings adopted
4/29/19	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
4/29/19	1 soil injector repaired for client in Connecticut
4/30/19	1 soil injector repaired for client in Rabun County
5/1/19	1 soil injector repaired for client in Pickens County
5/4/19	Hemlock Camp Meeting in Ellijay – 18 volunteers & 42 attendees
5/8/19	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
5/13/19	Sapling planting in Gwinnett County – 2 volunteers, 2 saplings

5/17/19	Sapling rescue in Lumpkin County – 1 volunteer, 30 saplings rescued
5/18/19	Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Habersham County. 5 new Facilitators trained, 1 sapling adopted
5/19/19	SGH-USFS treatment project at Lake Winfield Scott. 39 volunteers, 954 trees treated
5/21/19	Sapling rescue project in Lumpkin County – 2 volunteers, 20 saplings
5/25/1 & 5/26/19	SGH information booth with saplings for adoption at Blue Ridge Arts Festival – 10 volunteers, 422 visitors, 50 saplings adopted
5/26/19	SGH information station with saplings for adoption and brief presentation at Lake Rabun Memorial Day POA meeting – 2 volunteers, estimated 100 attendees, 1 sapling adopted
5/26/19	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
5/29/19	Sapling rescue project in Gilmer County – 2 volunteers, 75 saplings
6/1/19	2 soil injectors repaired for U. S. Forest Service
6/1/19	Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls – 3 volunteers, 75 visitors, 9 saplings adopted
6/3/19	2 soil injectors repaired for clients in New Jersey and Rabun County – parts only
6/5/19	Community Calendar item re June 22 training submitted to newspapers in Murray, Whitfield, Gordon, Gilmer, and Fannin Counties.
6/5/19	Article / letter to editor "Invasive pest is especially bad for hemlocks this spring" submitted to newspapers in Murray and Whitfield
6/5/19	Community Calendar item re June 29 treatment project at Wolf Creek submitted to newspapers in Union, Towns, White, Lumpkin, Gilmer, and Fannin.
6/5/19	Article / letter to editor "Forest hemlocks should be EVERYONE's concern" submitted to <i>North Georgia News</i> in Union County.
6/10/19	<i>Hemlock Happenings</i> summer 2019 newsletter published
6/13/19	Customized training session for 3 volunteers at Linwood Nature Preserve in Gainesville
6/13/19	Hemlock treatment project at Linwood Nature Preserve in Gainesville – 4 volunteers treated 19 trees
6/13/19	SGH presentation to TU Foothills Chapter in Clarkesville – 16 attendees
6/20/19	Facilitator visit to client in Fannin County
6/20/19	Facilitator visit with client from North Forsyth High School re possible hemlock program for school
6/21/19	Community Calendar announcement submitted to newspapers in Lumpkin, Dawson, and Hall Counties re Facilitator training in Dahlonega 7/6/19.
6/21/19	Article / Letter to the Editor “Save the Trees While You Still Can!” submitted to newspapers in Lumpkin, Dawson, and Hall Counties
6/22/19	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop for Murray & Whitfield Counties – 3 new Facilitator trained
6/23/19	Report received of treatment project in Lookout Highlands – 2 volunteers treated 85 trees.
6/24/19	2 SGH volunteers assisted 3 Appalachian Trail Conservancy volunteers in treating 24 ash trees for emerald ash borer.
6/26/19	1 soil injector repaired for client in Gilmer County
6/27/19	Community Calendar announcement submitted to newspapers in Dade & Walker Counties and Chatanooga re 7/13/19 training and treatment event at Cloudland Canyon
6/27/19	Article / Press Release “Volunteers needed to save Cloudland Canyon hemlocks” submitted to newspapers in Dade & Walker Counties and Chatanooga
6/29/19	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project at Wolf Creek-- 16 volunteers treated 187 trees,